



To: Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President
From: David J. Dammon, Executive Director of Campus Operations
Date: August 1st, 2022
Re: Approval of Bid Recommendation for Welding Lab Improvements

On July 5th, 2022 a Request for Proposals (RFP) was circulated for the following summary of professional services:

- Relocation of welding stations and ventilation systems
- Installation of new 800 AMP electrical service to lab
- Relocation of fabrication equipment and power service to equipment
- Installation of (12) 480v, 3-phase outlets

Interested firms were invited to submit (a) a statement concerning their company history and the qualifications of their key personnel, (b) a bid security, (c) a performance bond, (d) a prevailing wage rate verification and (e) a separate pricing statement.

The bid opening was held Wednesday July 27th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Two firms submitted bids. (see attached Bid Tab sheet). The low bidder, Gehrke Construction Inc., had bid of \$810,455.00. The company had excellent references, and the cost of the project is higher than previous estimates due to the increased cost of materials for electrical materials.

Approval of the Gehrke Construction Inc. bid is recommended.



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August 3, 2022

Mr. Dave Dammon, Executive Director of Campus Operations
Kishwaukee College
21193 Malta Road
Malta, Illinois 60150

Re: Welding Lab Relocation
Letter of Recommendation to Award a Construction Contract

Dear Mr. Dammon,

Bids were received on the above referenced project at 12:00 pm on July 27, 2022. Two contractors were Bidders of Record and two bids were received.

The bid documents were organized into a single Base Bid Package. Upon review of the bid submittals and project scope, Gehrke Construction, Inc. was the low bidder. We believe that they have met the intent of the bidding requirements for the project and included all of the required work per the bidding documents within their bid. Demonica Kemper Architects has reviewed the qualifications of Gehrke Construction, Inc. and have found no evidence which would disqualify them from being awarded the contract for this work. Demonica Kemper Architects, therefore, recommends that the Board of Trustees of Kishwaukee College consider awarding the contract for construction to:

Gehrke Construction, Inc.
421 Grove Street
DeKalb, IL 60115

The contract amount shall include the Base Bid plus an approved alternate bid for a total contract amount of \$810,455.00. Work for the project shall be substantially completed in accordance with the contract documents.

If you have any questions regarding the bidding of this project, please do not hesitate to call. Demonica Kemper Architects looks forward to working with the College toward the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Schoeppner, AIA, NCARB
Associate

Package1	Alt 1	Bid 2	Alt 2B	1 &2	Alt 3	Alt B			
589000		372000	10550	961000		10550			
464000		336655	9200	801255		9200	Christa Gehrke	David Dammon	Chris Bailey